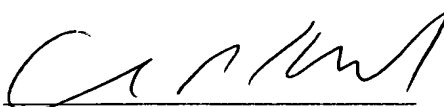


REMARKS

Claims 5, 8-15, and 7-18 are presently pending, including claim 18, previously withdrawn and now the sole independent claim. Claims 1-4, 6-7, 16, and 20 have been canceled. Favorable reconsideration of the application in view of the above preliminary amendment is respectfully requested and early passage to issue is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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